

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

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INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

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**PETITION TO DEFER ISSUE OF PATENT  
UNDER 37 CFR §1.314**

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Sir:

The Applicant hereby petitions to defer issue of the above-identified patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.314 to allow sufficient time for the Examiner to consider the pending Rule 312 Amendment that is filed herewith.

The Rule 312 Amendment amends the claims to reflect the Examiner's Amendment and includes rewritten independent Claim 47 that was accidentally omitted from the Examiner's Amendment. The amendments do not add any new matter to the application.

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that Applicant has shown good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary to defer issuance of the patent as requested.

The Office of Petitions is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the consideration of this petition.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.314, enclosed is a check for the fee of \$130 as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h). To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortages or credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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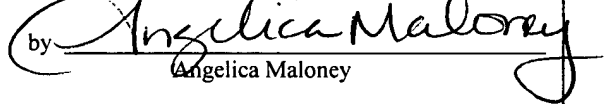
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